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TOPIC Military Information from Dessau-Rosslau

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EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT 30 April to 17 May 1952

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REMARKS

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1. On 16 May 1952, the barracks installation in Dessau-Rosslau (M 52/E 17) was occupied by between 200 and 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and guarded by sentries with artillery insignia. No training activity was noticed.

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2. On 16 May, the engineer camp, 3 km east of Rosslau, along the Rosslau-Coswig road, was occupied by between 600 and 700 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia. 100 6-man tents and two newly constructed low barracks buildings. Trunks, about 7 to 8 meters long and 35 cm in diameter, were continually hauled during the period from 7 to 16 May. No engineer practices or bridge building was noticed on the Elbe River. Between 250 and 300 troops organized into 14 groups carrying red pennants were staking off the terrain. Details of between 80 to 100 unarmed troops were seen marching and singing.

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3. On 15 May, the training area of Brambach west of Rosslau was not occupied by troops.

4. On 17 May, the hutment in Gross Kuehnau west of Dessau was not occupied by troops. *

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* Comment. The information on the barracks installation in Rosslau and the hutment in Gross Kuehnau, as reported in paragraph 4, confirms that the bulk of the 7th Gds Tank Div was not there. The division moved to Letzling Heath in mid-April.

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except for engineers on 21 April. the barracks installation in Rosslau was vacant

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from Meinsdorf to Aitenberg on 26 April tends to indicate, however

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